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U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18−cv−01216−RBW

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
Demand: $0
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/24/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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05/24/2018	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee $ 400 receipt number 0090−5499458) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons, # 5 Summons)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018	2	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zmd) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
05/29/2018	3	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 05/29/2018)
06/21/2018	4	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/29/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/28/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 6/1/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/4/2018. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 06/21/2018)
06/28/2018	5	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re 1 Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting 5 . Upon consideration of the defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer and Memorandum in Support Thereof, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall file its response to the plaintiff's Complaint on or before July 2, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 29, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 7/2/2018. (tj) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/02/2018	6	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/03/2018	7	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 3, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this action qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings on or before July 24, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 3, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Schedule/Status Report due by 7/24/2018 (hs) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/24/2018	8	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties meet and confer on or before August 3, 2018, and file an additional joint status report on or before August 7, 2018, updating the Court as to the status of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 27, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/7/2018 (hs) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
08/07/2018	9	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 9 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional status report on or before September 7, 2018, providing the Court with an update on the status of the case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 20, 2018. (lcrbw2)

		(Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/7/2018 (hs) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
09/05/2018	10	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name− Katherine M. Anthony, :Firm− American Oversight, :Address− 1030 15th Street NW, B255, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. − 202−897−3918. Filing fee $ 100, receipt number 0090−5672931. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) Modified telephone number on 9/6/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The Court having considered Katherine M. Anthony's 10 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, and it appearing to the Court that the attorney referenced therein meets the requirements for pro hac vice admission under this Court's rules, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Katherine M. Anthony, American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, B−255, Washington, DC 20005, is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 6, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/07/2018	11	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 11 Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional joint status report discussing a proposed production schedule, including any agreements regarding prioritization of the processing of potentially responsive records retrieved in the defendant's search, and a recommendation for further proceedings, on or before October 5, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 11, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/11/2018)
09/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/5/2018 (hs) (Entered: 09/11/2018)
10/06/2018	12	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 10/06/2018)
10/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 12 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall, on or before November 9, 2018, submit an additional joint status report, discussing, inter alia, a proposed production schedule, including any further agreements regarding prioritization of the processing of the potentially responsive records retrieved in the defendant's search, and a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 9, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/9/2018 (hs) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
11/09/2018	13	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 13 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that on or before December 13, 2018, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report, advising the Court of the status of the processing and production of responsive records retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 9, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/13/2018 (hs) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
12/10/2018	14	NOTICE of Appearance by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/13/2018	15	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 15 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that on or before January 17, 2019, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report, advising the Court of the status of the processing and production of responsive records retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 17, 2018. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 12/17/2018)

12/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/17/2019 (hs) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
01/17/2019	16	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to *All Deadlines* by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's 16 Unopposed Motion to Stay Proceedings and for Extension of Time in Light of Lapse of Appropriations, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. The motion is GRANTED to the extent that the defendant seeks to vacate the impending deadlines in this case. The motion is DENIED in all other respects. It is further ORDERED that the impending deadlines in this case are VACATED pending further Order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that, on or before January 28, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how this case shall proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 17, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/28/2019 (hs) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the continued lapse in appropriations, it is hereby ORDERED that the previously imposed deadline for filing a joint status report on or before January 28, 2019, is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before fourteen days after appropriations have been restored, the parties shall file a joint status report proposing new deadlines in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 23, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/07/2019	17	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 17 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 7, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court of, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of responsive documents retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 8, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/7/2019 (hs) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/07/2019	18	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 18 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 28, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court of, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of responsive documents retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 8, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/28/2019. (gdf) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
03/27/2019	19	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Attorney Jeremy S. Simon terminated. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/28/2019	20	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/28/2019)
04/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 20 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before April 12, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court of, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of responsive documents retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 1, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/12/2019 (hs) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/12/2019	21	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 04/12/2019)

04/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 21 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 10, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court of, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of responsive documents retrieved in the defendant's search. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 16, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/16/2019)
04/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/10/2019 (hs) (Entered: 04/17/2019)
05/10/2019	22	Joint STATUS REPORT *and Proposed Schedule* by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 22 Joint Status Report and Proposed Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference on May 29, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 13, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/13/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 5/29/2019 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom 16 before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (hs) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/29/2019		Minute Entry; for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Status Conference held on 5/29/2019. Order to issue via Chambers. (Court Reporter Cathryn Jones) (hs) (Entered: 05/29/2019)